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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

ATTENTION: Chief, Classification Review Division, OIS

SUBJECT: Request for Declassification of Executive Session  
Testimony Before the Senate Foreign Relations  
Committee in 1961

1. Attached is a letter from Chairman Charles H. Percy enclosing material the Senate Foreign Relations Committee would like to have reviewed for declassification and inclusion in their Historical Series covering Executive Session testimony in 1961.

2. As the letter states, three of the enclosed hearings were declassified previously, with portions exempted from release. Chairman Percy would like CIA to review the previously exempted material once again for possible release. The 11 January 1961 transcript is a new request for review and possible declassification.

3. I believe your office was previously involved in this Historical Series review (see also letters attached from DCI Stansfield Turner to Chairman John Sparkman).

4. We would appreciate your reviewing this material as requested and returning it to us with your recommendations. This office will prepare a letter for signature by the DCI.



Burton L. Hutchings  
Chief, Legislative Liaison Division

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional) Letter from Senator Charles Percy requesting Declassification of Executive Session Testimony Before the SFRC in 1961

FROM: Burton L. Hutchings  
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**United States Senate**

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 27, 1983

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OEXA 83-0222

The Honorable William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

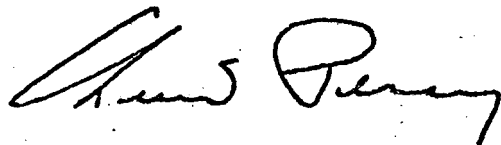
Dear Mr. Casey:

Enclosed for declassification are galleys to be included in Volume XIII, Part 1, of the Foreign Relations Committee's "Historical Series" covering executive session hearings for 1961.

Three of the enclosed hearings were declassified, with the exception of some portions, by the CIA in 1977 and 1979. For your information I am enclosing letters regarding their declassification.

I would appreciate your advising me by April 15 if the Agency has any objection to the publication of the hearing of January 11, as well as the previously deleted material.

Sincerely,



Charles H. Percy  
Chairman

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Enclosures:

Galleys for January 11, April 11,  
May 1 and 2, 1961

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Legislative Counsel

April 9, 1979

Honorable Frank Church, Chairman  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for former Chairman John Sparkman's letter of 14 November 1978 requesting a declassification of the 2 May 1961 testimony by Allen W. Dulles before your Committee.

We have completed our review and have marked in brackets the passages which should remain classified. The remainder of the transcript may be considered unclassified.

Sincerely,



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The Director  
Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

14 October 1977

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Honorable John Sparkman, Chairman  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter asking for the comments of the CIA concerning a request the Committee has received for access to testimony given by former Secretary of State Dean Rusk in executive session on 11 April 1961, 13 July 1962, 11 January 1963, 16 and 25 January 1963, and 4 April 1966.

These transcripts have been previously reviewed by the Department of State and we concur with the exemptions from declassification that they have recommended. In addition, however, we recommend further exemptions as noted in the individual transcripts.

I hope that you will find this satisfactory. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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29 April 1977

Honorable John Sparkman, Chairman  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

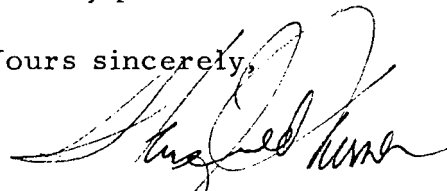
Dear Mr. Chairman:

Per your request, we have reviewed the transcript of 1 May 1961 forwarded with your letter of 28 March 1977. With one exception, we have no objection to the public release of the transcript. That exception is located on page [redacted] which we would not like to see released to the public.

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In reviewing the transcript, we noticed that at pages 8, 26, 57, and 59, the National Security Council is mentioned. I suggest that you may want to refer the transcript to that body prior to release.

Yours sincerely,



STANSFIELD TURNER  
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Enclosure

1 May 1961 Transcript

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1 April 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Information Review Officer, DDO


FROM: Chief, Classification Review Division

SUBJECT: Review of Testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1961.

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2. These pages were previously reviewed by CIA and portions were exempted from release as indicated by highlighting in yellow. Chairman Percy has asked CIA to re-examine the exempted material to see if it can now be released. Since CIA concurred with the Department of State exemptions we should also review the passages withheld by the Department of State. They are indicated by notes in the margins.
3. The 11 January 1961 transcript was not previously reviewed for declassification. This is the initial review for that document.
4. We have attached Review Worksheets to itemize deletions recommended by Classification Review Division.
5. We request your review of the attached pages as soon as possible as the Senate Committee has requested a reply by 15 April. Please return the pages to CRD, along with your comments.

  
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Classification Review Division

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comment on Dept of State deletions.

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